

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An audio system including a plurality of channels intended to be radiated in a predetermined positional relationship to a listener, comprising:

a listening area comprising a plurality of listening spaces;

a first directional local audio device comprising ~~at least one of:~~

~~a structure comprising barriers that cause sound waves to radiate with more amplitude in some directions than in other directions over a wide range of frequencies; or~~

at least two radiating elements radiating sound waves that destructively interfere more in some directions than the sounds waves destructively interfere in other directions, the directional audio device being positioned in a first of said listening spaces, close to a head of the listener, with a first of said radiating elements for radiating first sound waves corresponding to spectral components in a first non-bass frequency range of a first of said channels; and

a ~~nondirectional~~ second nonlocal audio device, positioned inside said listening area and outside said first of said listening spaces, distant from said first of said listening spaces, for radiating sound waves corresponding to said first spectral components in a second non-bass

~~frequency range of a second of said channels, wherein the first frequency range substantially overlaps with the second frequency range.~~

2. (previously amended) An audio system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said directional audio device comprises a plurality of acoustic drivers, said acoustic drivers positioned and arranged to radiate sound waves that interfere destructively in a first direction and to interfere less destructively in a second direction.

3. - 5. (canceled)

6. (original) An audio system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said listening area comprises a vehicle passenger compartment and said listening locations comprise seating locations within said vehicle passenger compartment.

7 to 41. (canceled)

42. (currently amended) An audio system including a plurality of channels intended to be radiated in a predetermined positional relationship to ~~the~~ a listener, comprising:

a listening area comprising a plurality of listening spaces;

a first local directional audio device comprising at least two radiating elements radiating sound waves that destructively interfere more in some directions than the sound waves destructively interfere in other directions, the directional audio device being positioned in a first of said listening spaces, close to a head of the listener, with a first of said radiating elements for radiating first sound waves corresponding to ~~spectral components in a first non-bass frequency range of a first of said channels;~~ and

a ~~nondirectional~~ second nonlocal audio device, positioned inside said listening area and outside said first of said listening spaces, distant from said first of said listening spaces, for radiating sound waves corresponding to ~~spectral components in a second non-bass frequency range of a second~~ said first of said channels, ~~wherein the first frequency range substantially overlaps with the second non-bass frequency range.~~

43. – 45. (canceled)

46. (previously presented) An audio system in accordance with claim 42, wherein said listening area comprises a vehicle passenger compartment and said listening locations comprise seating locations within said vehicle passenger compartment.